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2 entrepreneurial accomplishments and success of Forrest Lucas, and his
3 efforts with Protect the Harvest.

4 *Whereas, Forrest Lucas was born in Jackson and raised in*
5 *Jackson, Brown, and Bartholomew counties in Indiana;*

6 *Whereas, Lucas began his entrepreneurial journey at age*
7 *eighteen, when he purchased a 1948 Ford dump truck, powered by a*
8 *'55 Thunderbird engine, to haul dirt and gravel;*

9 *Whereas, Three years later, Lucas bought a new 1963 Chevrolet*
10 *C-60 series with a 327 cubic inch gas engine, and signed with*
11 *Mayflower Moving and Storage, making him the youngest owner-*
12 *operator in Mayflower's fleet;*

13 *Whereas, In 1966, Lucas purchased his first diesel truck, thus*
14 *beginning his move toward owning his own fleet of trucks;*

15 *Whereas, In 1979, Lucas met and began courting fellow Hoosier*
16 *and Dubois County resident Charlotte Atkins. The two were married*
17 *on May 22, 1982;*

18 *Whereas, By age forty, Lucas had retired from driving and was*
19 *managing his own small fleet of trucks. Maintenance problems,*
20 *especially those related to the extreme high temperatures of the*
21 *Arizona, Nevada, and California deserts, threatened to destroy Lucas'*
22 *business;*

23 *Whereas, Always the industrious type, Lucas set out in 1985 to*
24 *teach himself to make better oils than could be purchased from*



1 *suppliers for his small fleet of longhaul trucks. Lucas began mixing*
2 *and matching his own lubricant formulas, and over the next few years,*
3 *bookkeeping confirmed that maintenance costs had been drastically*
4 *reduced;*

5 *Whereas, With the demonstrable success of Lucas' products, he*
6 *and his wife began marketing their first product, "Heavy Duty Oil*
7 *Stabilizer," to their trucking friends, whose trucks suffered from the*
8 *same maintenance problems;*

9 *Whereas, Sales began to skyrocket as news of the product spread*
10 *across the United States, and in 1987, Lucas decided to sell the*
11 *trucking business and concentrate exclusively on making better oil. He*
12 *and his wife took to the road to market the fledgling line of newly*
13 *formulated oil products to truck stops and independent auto parts*
14 *stores;*

15 *Whereas, In 1989, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas incorporated their*
16 *growing company, and Lucas Oil Products, Inc. was born;*

17 *Whereas, Lucas Oil Products, Inc. expanded at an incredible rate,*
18 *growing out of its original manufacturing facilities in California. In*
19 *2004, the company completed work on a new, much larger production*
20 *facility in Corydon, Indiana;*

21 *Whereas, Lucas Oil Products, Inc. has continued to grow, and now*
22 *produces and markets over 272 unique formulations in more than*
23 *thirty-four countries, and is the world leader in high performance*
24 *lubricants and problem solving additives;*

25 *Whereas, Lucas Oil's expansion has not been limited to oil and*
26 *lubricants, but has also included Lucas Oil Rail Lines, the Team Lucas*
27 *motorsports sponsorship program, a television production studio,*
28 *acquisition of the cable network MAVTV, an eighteen hole*
29 *championship golf course, multiple speedways, including the first ever*
30 *purpose-built lake for drag boat racing, Lucas Oil Cattle Company,*
31 *and the naming rights to the home of the Indianapolis Colts and Super*
32 *Bowl XLVI: Lucas Oil Stadium;*

33 *Whereas, Forrest and Charlotte Lucas have been generous*
34 *stewards of their success, sponsoring and contributing to numerous*
35 *philanthropic interests and charities that reach out to children, the*
36 *elderly, racers, car enthusiasts, public safety groups, local and state*
37 *governments, animal-related relief groups, and many more; and*



1 *Whereas, The Lucas family have been integrally involved with*
2 *Protect the Harvest, an organization whose mission it is to inform*
3 *American consumers, businesses and decision-makers about the*
4 *potential consequences of legislation concerning farming, sportsmen,*
5 *and animal owners; to protect freedoms for farmers, sportsmen, and*
6 *animal owners, and respond to attacks on such freedoms: Therefore,*

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
8 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

9 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates
10 Forrest and Charlotte Lucas and Lucas Oil Products, Inc. on the
11 enormity of their success.

12 SECTION 2. That the Indiana General Assembly honors Forrest
13 and Charlotte Lucas for their numerous contributions to local
14 communities and individuals all across the United States.

15 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
16 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Forrest Lucas and Lucas Oil
17 Products, Inc.

